AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of preparing a purified, virus inactivated and virus safe antibody preparation from a starting solution comprising antibodies and contaminants, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) adjusting the pH of the starting solution to about 4.6 to about 4.95, ~~in particular to about 4.8 to about 4.95~~ to produce an intermediate solution;

(b) adding caprylate and/or heptanoate ions to the intermediate solution and maintaining the pH at about 4.8 to about 4.95, whereby a precipitate is formed and the antibodies are essentially present in ~~the~~ a supernatant;

(c) incubating the supernatant solution under conditions of caprylate and/or heptanoate ion concentration, time, pH and temperature and filtering the solution ~~optionally concentrating and diafiltrating the filtrated solution before pH adjustment~~;

(d) applying the filtered solution ~~with a~~ to at least one anion exchange resin at a pH from about 5.0 to about 5.2 ~~and optionally with two different anion exchange resins~~ under conditions that allow binding of contaminants to the resin while not allowing significant binding of the antibodies to the resin, wherein a purified, virus inactivated and virus safe antibody preparation is produced.

2: Cancelled.

3 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 ~~and/or 2 wherein~~ further comprising performing a second anion exchange chromatography ~~is performed~~ at a pH range of from about 6.7 to about 6.9.

4 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 3~~ wherein steps (b) and (c) are repeated at least one time.

5 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 4~~ wherein the starting solution comprises plasma-derived antibodies.

6 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 5~~ wherein ~~in~~ step (d) is performed using ~~the inactivated solution is contacted with~~ two different anion exchange resins under conditions that allow binding of ~~such that~~ contaminants ~~are selectively bound~~ to the resins while ~~the~~ not allowing significant binding of the antibodies~~, are not significantly bound~~ to the resins.

7 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 6~~, wherein the antibodies are immunoglobulin G.

8 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 6, where the pH is adjusted to about pH 6.8 ~~0.1~~ prior to the second anion-exchange chromatography.

9 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 8, wherein~~ further comprising concentrating the anion-exchange chromatography flow-through ~~is concentrated~~ to about 60 to about 90 mg/ml and ~~diafiltrated~~ diafiltrating the anion-exchange chromatography flow-though against a buffer solution~~, preferably a phosphate buffer~~.

10 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 9, wherein~~ further comprising treating the flow-through of the first anion-exchange chromatography with solvent detergent ~~is solvent detergent treated, preferably by Triton X-100 and TnBP, most preferred by concentrations of 1% Triton X-100 and 0.3% TnBP~~ for about 4.5 to about 8 hours to inactivate lipid coated viruses.

11 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 10, further comprising removing the detergents of the incubation mixture ~~of which are removed~~ by solid and liquid phase extraction.

12 (Currently Amended): The method of at claim 1 ~~least any one of claims 1 to 11 wherein~~ further comprising combining the caprylate treatment with one or more of the following: ~~at least one of the methods selected from the group consisting of~~ UV-C treatment, heat-treatment, virus filtration, and prion removal or inactivation ~~is combined with a caprylate treatment of claim 1~~.

13 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 11, further comprising adjusting ~~wherein~~ the pH value upon solid phase extraction ~~is adjusted~~ to about 6.7 to about 6.9.

14 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 13, further comprising submitting ~~wherein~~ the solution ~~is submitted~~ to the second anion-exchange chromatography.

15 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 14, further comprising adjusting ~~wherein~~ the pH value of the anion-exchanger flow-through ~~is adjusted~~ to about 3.5 to about 4.5~~, preferably to pH 4.0 0. 1~~.

16 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 15, wherein the antibodies are IgG and further comprising contacting the IgG solution ~~is contacted~~ by a virus filter.

17 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 15, wherein the antibodies are IgG and further comprising contacting the IgG solution ~~is contacted~~ by a nanofilter.

18 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 15 wherein the antibodies are IgG and further comprising incubating the IgG solution ~~is incubated~~ for at least 24 hours~~, preferably at 37°C 1~~.

19 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 15, wherein the antibodies are IgG and further comprising concentrating the IgG solution ~~is concentrated~~ to about 5 or about 10% (w/v) to form a concentrate.

20 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 19, wherein the osmolarity of the concentrate is ~~adjusted to~~ about 200 to about 400 mOsmol/kg ~~by an appropriate additive~~.

21 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 20, ~~wherein~~ further comprising adjusting the ~~IgG solution is~~ pH of the IgG solution ~~adjusted~~ to about 3.5 to about 6.0~~, preferred to a pH value of 4.0 to 5.5~~.

22 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 21 ~~wherein~~ further comprising sterile filtering and filling the IgG solution ~~is sterile filtered and filled~~ in glass bottles or plastic containers.

23 (Currently Amended): An IgG containing fraction produced by the method of claim 1~~obtainable according one of the claims 1 to 22~~.

24 (New): The method of claim 9 wherein the buffer solution is a phosphate buffer solution.

25 (New): The method of claim 10 wherein the solvent detergent is Triton X-100 and TnBP.

26 (New): The method of claim 25 wherein the concentration is 1% Triton and 0.3% TnBP.

27 (New): The method of claim 15, wherein the pH is about 4.0.

28. (New): The method of claim 18, wherein the incubation temperature is about 37° C.